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TAGS: OREP, PINT, PO (HECKLER, MARGARET M.)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF REP. MARGARET HECKLER TO AZORES REF: STATE 270422

1. REP. MARGARET HECKLER, WHO WILL BE TRAVELLING IN EUROPE WITH CODEL WOLFF, WISHES TO SPEND NOV 20-21 IN THE AZORES EN ROUTE FROM ROME TO U.S. IF APPOINTMENT CAN BE ARRANGED WITH MOTA AMARAL. HER OFFICE ADVISED DEPARTMENT NOV 12 THAT SHE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT MOTA AMARAL WOULD "BEND OVER BACKWARD" TO FACILITATE A SUCCESSFUL VISIT IF SHE COULD FIND THE TIME. SHE HAS MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS TO TRANSIT LISBON AND ARRIVE AT SANTA MARIA AIRPORT AT 2:45 NOV 20, DEPARTING AT 3:45 P.M. NOV 21, BUT WOULD NOT COME UNLESS MOTA AMARAL IS AVAILABLE AND AGREES.

- 2. FOR PONTA DELGADA: PLEASE INFORM MOTA AMARAL OF REP. HECKLER'S TENTATIVE PLANS AND BEARING REFERENCED GUIDANCE IN MIND INQUIRE WHETHER VISIT IS DESIRED AND POSSIBLE AT THAT TIME. ADVISE DEPARTMENT RE MOTA AMARAL'S REACTION ASAP.
- 3. FOR LISBON: IF MOTA AMARAL AGREES TO VISIT, PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS THAT REP. HECKLER ON HER OWN CONFIDENTIAL

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INITIATIVE HAS ARRANGED BRIEF STOPOVER IN AZORES. INTEREST IN AZOREAN MATTERS ON HER PART DERIVES FROM LARGE AZOREAN-AMERICAN CONSTITUENCY IN FALL RIVER/NEW BEDFORD AREA WHICH SHE REPRESENTS. VISIT IS NOT SPONSORED BY USG AND OUR ROLE IS LIMITED SOLELY TO ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WE WILL MAKE AT HER REQUEST. KISSINGER

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